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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hisao KUROSU

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/666,244

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September 22, 2003

FOR:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND DEVELOPING DEVICE THEREFOR

## FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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Responsive to the notification dated December 12, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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	Application Serial No. 10/666,244
	and amended on
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	on,
;	and was amended under PCT Article 19
	on (if applicable).

- We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
- We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.
- We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s)

Application No.	Country	Day/Month/Year	Prior Clain	
2002-274077 (JP)	Japan	September 19, 200	<sup>2</sup> ☑ Yes	□ No
2002-340910 (JP)	Japan	November 25, 2002	☑ Yes	□ No
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We (f) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter-each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International in the manipulation of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International in the materiato patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.  Application Serial No. Filing Date Status (pending, patented, abandoned)  And we (f) hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s):  ###################################	(Application Nu	mber)	(Filin	g Date)
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